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Agenda

- Overview of Census Bureau Programs/Surveys
- Overview of the American Community Survey (ACS)
- Accessing ACS Data Products
- American FactFinder (AFF)
- AFF Demonstration
- Continue the Conversation
- Q&A



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What Does the Census Bureau Do?

- Decennial Census
 - Every ten years; counts resident
- American Community Survey
 - Annual Social, Economic & Housing Data
- Other Surveys and Censuses
 - Current Population Survey (CPS)
 - National Crime & Victimization Survey (NCVS)
 - National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

- Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE)
- Population Estimates
- Economic Census
- Census of Governments
- Periodical Surveys
 - American Housing Survey (2015)

The Census Bureau's mission is to serve as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy.



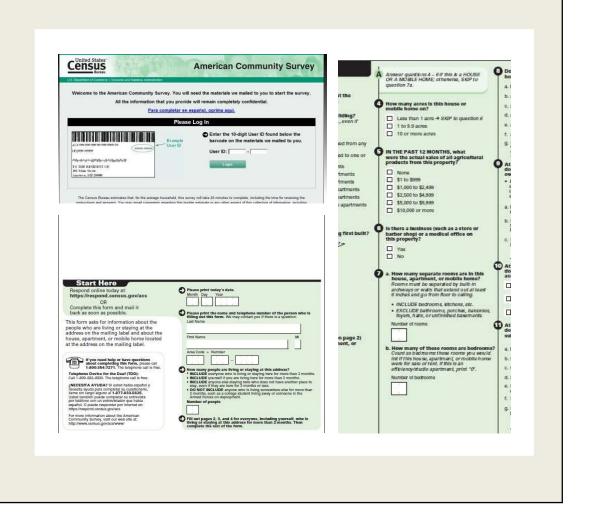
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What is the ACS?

- An ongoing monthly survey sent to 3.5 million addresses
- Data is collected through four modes:
 - Internet
 - Mail
 - Telephone
 - Personal Visit
- Annually produces 1-year & 5year period datasets



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FAQs on ACS

- Is the American Community Survey Mandatory?
 - Yes. The ACS is a mandatory survey.
- Why Should I Participate?
 - Data from the American Community Survey helps your community.
- Is My Privacy Protected?
 - We never reveal your identity to anybody else.



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2010 Census vs. ACS

2010 Census	American Community Survey
100% Data	Sample Data
How many people live in the U.S.?	How do people live in the U.S.?
Point in time – April 1, 2010	Period in time – 1 year/5 year
Count – People, Housing units	Characteristics – Income, Poverty, Education



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American Community Survey

Items in red were also collected on the 2010 Census

Demographic Characteristics

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Hispanic Origin
- Household Relationship
- Group Quarters



Characteristics

Social

- Families
- Education
- Marital Status
- Fertility
- Grandparent Caregivers
- Veterans
- Disability Status
- Place of Birth
- Citizenship
- Year of Entry
- Language
 Spoken at Home
- Ancestry/ Tribal Affiliation

Economic Characteristics

- Income
- Poverty
- Benefits
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Industry
- Commuting to Work



Housing Characteristics

- Tenure (Rent/Own)
- Occupancy
- Structure
- Housing Value
- Taxes & Insurance
- Utilities
- Mortgage/ Monthly Rent





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Ways to Access ACS Information

- ACS Main Page
- Data Tables and Tools
- QuickFacts
- Census Explorer
- Census Business Builder

- My Congressional District
- My Tribal Area
- OnTheMap for Emergency Management
- American FactFinder





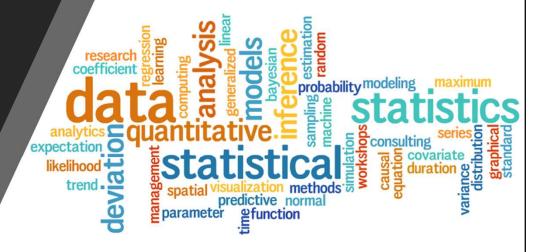
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Data Available in American FactFinder

- American Community Survey
- American Housing Survey
- More than 100 economic surveys such as:
 - Annual Survey of Manufactures
 - BusinessPatterns
 - Nonemployer Statistics

- Census of Governments
- Commodity Flow Survey
- Decennial Census
- Economic Census
 - Population Estimates Program
- Puerto Rico Community Survey
- And more!





How to Save Your Work in the American FactFinder





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How to Map Data Using the American FactFinder





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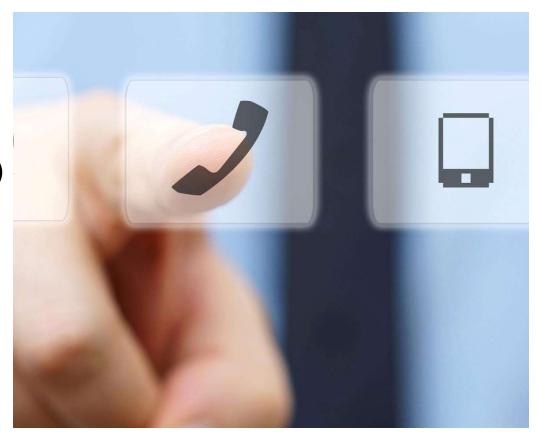
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